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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHAIRMAN RUSSELL PETERSON
REF: STATE 294297

1. PENDING EMBASSY CONCURRENCE PETERSON AND TALBOT VISIT
REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE SUBMITTED FOR
EMBASSY CONSIDERATION. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED
BY THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE AT THE MINISTERIAL OR DEPUTY
MINISTERIAL LEVEL UNLESS THE EMBASSY WISHES TO UTILIZE
THE OCCASION OF THE PETERSON VISIT TO MAKE HIGHER LEVEL
CONTACT IN THE CONTEXT OF PURPOSES OF THE VISIT OUTLINED
REFTEL.

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2. THE FOCUS IN BANGLADESH WILL BE PRIMARILY POPULATION,

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AND LAND-USE, INCLUDING FOOD PRODUCTIVITY AND LAND ABUSE IN CONNECTION WITH FLOODS, CROP PRODUCTION AND CROP FAILURES. IN CONSULTATION WITH AID MISSION DIRECTOR TONER, A TRIP TO REVIEW THE POPULATION ASPECTS OF THE MATLAB FIELD TRIALS AREA PROJECT SHOULD BE PLANNED. A HALF DAY OR SO IN THE PROGRAM FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD BE ALLOTTED JANUARY 19 IF CONVENIENT. THE 20TH IS ALSO POSSIBLE IF APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE DICTATES. CHAIRMAN PETERSON AND DR. TALBOT WOULD APPRECIATE A SHORT BRIEFING FROM WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVE IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY/USAID BRIEFINGS ON POPULATION PROGRAMS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF VILLAGE LEVEL CONTACTS COULD BE WORKED INTO THE SCHEDULE.

3. IF A BRIEF TOUR OF DACCA ENVIRONS FROM A CONSERVATION VIEWPOINT COULD BE COORDINATED WITH WORLD WILDLIFE FUND CONSULTANT, MR. G.M.M.E. KARIM, ELEPHANT VILLA, 10 ELEPHANT ROAD, DACCA, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO THE PURPOSES OF THIS VISIT. THE CONTROL OFFICER MIGHT REQUEST KARIM TO JOIN PETERSON AND TALBOT FOR SUCH A TOUR, OR IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THEY WOULD WISH TO MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS CONSERVATION ISSUES. HE MAY MAKE OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR RELATED CONTACTS BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE. PLEASE REQUEST A MEETING WITH UNFPA REPRESENTATIVE, PENELOPE SATTERSTHWATE.

4. CONTROL OFFICER SHOULD COORDINATE BANGLADESH SCHEDULE CLOSELY WITH AID DIRECTOR BECAUSE OF THE EMPHASIS ON POPULATION ISSUES. AID/PHA WASHINGTON WILL BE FORWARDING PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS SEPTTEL.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM HOTEL BOOKINGS, TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND FORWARD EMBASSY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND TALKING POINTS, IF DESIRED, FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS. CABLE NAME OF CONTROL OFFICER. ROBINSON

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